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## BEHIND THE SPOTLIGHT

With PENSMA

### A PLAN TO STABILISE RATES

My article on the burden of rising rates in last week's issue has prompted a correspondent who prefers to use the term "Distribution" to describe the plan to stabilise rates which I believe warrants further discussion. I should like to put the letter here in the hope that it will stimulate further interest in this most important matter and that it will be taken up by some of our public representatives. The letter states:—

"It is now obvious that the burden of local taxation in the form of rates is assuming proportions that tend to act as a brake on both community and individual enterprise if steps are not taken to lighten the load or strengthen the back."

"Surely no Government can feel happy when every Local Authority complains bitterly and continuously of increasing and mandatory charges and consequent increasing rates."

"Is it not possible that central funds would be made available in greater amounts to Local Authorities if a workable and equitable plan could be formulated for the distribution of the extra grants envisaged?"

"The following plan, which has precedent in the Road Funds Grants, suggests itself and might be put in the form of a motion for debate—

"That, with a view to the stabilisation of the burden of local enterprise, a sum of money equal to one-fifth of the extra income made available for the Road Funds Grants, be paid annually to such authorities that are unable to meet their requirements for the maintenance of the local rate at or below the level of the previous year. This sum should be allocated to subsidiary bodies for special schemes and such schemes as are decided by a special Finance Committee of the Rathfriland authority, with the County Manager as Chairman and representatives of Subsidiary Bodies as co-opted members. This scheme is adopted on a trial basis for five years and then reviewed."

"The net receipts from Income Tax, Corporation Profit Tax, etc. for the Republic for the year ending 1960, which probably reach £35 millions, assuming for purposes of illustration that the Department of Finance came from County Waterford, a sum of approximately £37,000 would be available to the County Council towards the stabilisation or lowering of rates (the equivalent of some 20 per cent of the rate) to the benefit of the County Council members and officials to launch some small scheme which might have particular appeal to their own area? For example the Council could purchase and plant some small areas of bare land along the main and transport routes, which would be too small to interest the Department of Lands, yet too large for private planting. This would give employment when road work is slack and eventually provide a steady income to the Council."

"Such a scheme is surely worth a trial if only to express the confidence of Central Government in its local counterparts, in the resurgence of activity in county and parish, and to encourage community effort and the doctrine of self-help."

### INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT MOVES

A number of representatives of Industrial Development Associations in West Waterford attended the conference sponsored by Turair at Ennis over the weekend. The idea behind the conference was to bring the various development associations throughout the country together to discuss their common problems. The most important decision which resulted from the conference was that by which a central advisory service under the aegis of Munster County Council should be set up for the benefit of the individual associations.

The idea came from the former brain of Mr. Michael Boland, Chairman of the West Cork Association, who early this year attended preliminary meetings

### COTTAGE BY THE LEE

And now especially for Mrs. Morley in Holme-on-Spalding-Moor, East Yorkshire, and I am sure for many more readers of this column the words of that instigating song "Cottage by the Lee" which have been quoted by Mr. J. P. Daly, Cappoquin, are well known to all.

"The well I know that often folks keep wondering,  
When in my eyes a far-off look they see,  
What it can be, the cause of all my yearning,  
What is this dream, so very dear to me?  
And trials to tell its often I go roaming,  
In dreams along the road of memory,  
To where my heart will find its consolation,  
Within that lovely cottage by the Lee."

My home sweet home I'll fondly cherish,  
The dear ones there mean everything to me,  
In all this world if there can be a heaven,  
I'm sure it's in that cottage by the Lee.

It's grand to stand outside that cottage doorway,  
And gaze across the corn fields rich and gold,  
To see the stream rippling by the meadow,  
Or watch the shepherd calling to his fold,  
From down the lane that winds behind the garden,  
The blackbirds greet the smiling summer morn,  
And as his music echoes o'er the valley,  
You smile and bless the day that you were born.

Yes, that's my dream, my dream of homeland,  
And the I thought a lover I could be,  
'Tis soon I found I left my heart behind,  
Within that lovely cottage by the Lee.

### DEATH OF MR. F. MURPHY

Was Waterford Co. Librarian For 30 Years

Profound regret has been occasioned by the death of Mr. Fergus Murphy, Librarian, which occurred after a long illness and at a comparatively early age at the Bon Secour Hospital, Cork, on last Saturday night, February 25.

A distinguished scholar, a freedom lecturer in his student days and a most amiable gentleman, he was Waterford County Librarian since September 1930. One of the last pupils to study under Padraig Pearse at St. Joseph's was Mr. Murphy. He was imbued with the same ideas which fired his great teacher and carried him on to the independence movement from 1916 onwards. As a mere youth he was active in several organisations with British friends in Dublin, and his home was often raided by the notorious Black and Tans who caught and beat him unconscious on one occasion.

He took the Republican side after the signing of the Treaty and was interned for a period in 1923 after which he went to Paris where he studied at the Sorbonne and took his Arts degree. On his return home he continued his studies at University College, Dublin and obtained his Library diploma.

When he came to Waterford, he had as a nucleus only four books, which he gradually increased to a total stock of 35,000 volumes.

He wrote profusely and contributed to many journals and translated fourteen volumes from French to English.

However, his greatest achievement was the founding of the "Waterford Free Press" which has since become a journal on agriculture and kindred subjects which he edited for many years.

It gave them a forum for outlining their ideas and discussing problems.

He was member of the Library Association of Ireland and the passing of this great man will be mourned, not only in library circles but by all who knew him.

The large cortege which accompanied the remains in a coffin draped with the Tricolour to Lismore on Sunday and the burial at St. Catherine's cemetery at Monday, were eloquent tributes to the esteem in which he was held.

Very Rev. T. Canon Murphy, P.P., V.F., and Rev. Fr. P. Queney, C.C., officiated at the graveside.

The attendees included members and officials of Waterford County Council, County Vocational Education Committee, Co. Librarians Committee, etc. A last tribute was paid at the graveside when members of the West Waterford Old Comrades I.R.A. fired three volleys over the grave.

### WILL DISCUSS COMPENSATION ISSUE

The Council held Friday night, March 16, as the eighth they would go into committee to deal with the estimates for the coming year.

At the suggestion of the Chairman, Mr. K. V. O'Connell, the Council agreed to make a decision on the matter until the Estimates Meeting.

Mr. O'Connell said that this would amount to £500 an acre and the County Council would not approve of it as it would cause a precedent for all land similarly required.

The refusal by the Urban Council to accept the offer of the County Council had resulted in work on the road widening being held up and a cut in the number employed on the scheme. Mr. O'Connell added, had asked him to use his good offices with the Council to get them to agree to the sum of £12 10s. 0d. for the land.

Mr. K. V. O'Connell said that he had pointed out to Mr. O'Connell that the house at Youghal Road would be in the way of the scheme, and had suggested that the County Engineer might point out his difficulty to the Minister for Local Government, and ask him to sanction the provision of additional houses at Youghal.

Mr. Walsh, Engineer, said that with regard to the land for the road widening, very little beyond

## BISHOP'S APPEAL DISCUSSED BY COUNCIL

### Early Closing Of Dance Halls

The appeal of His Lordship Most Rev. Dr. Cahan, Bishop of Waterford and Lismore, for the early closing of dance halls, was discussed by the Dungarvan Urban Council at their meeting on last Friday night. As the matter was a serious one it was decided to defer a decision on it until the night of the Council's Estimates Meeting on March 24.

Mr. P. Whelan who raised the matter said that they, as a Council, should do something about the appeal of His Lordship and curtail dances at the dance-halls in the town hall to midnight.

Mr. R. Walsh—We have to every the disadvantage of the town hall which is like a millstone around our necks, and if we make the letting conditions anything less attractive, we might as well hand over to the other commercial dance-halls.

Mr. Whelan said he felt that pressure would be brought to bear on the matter between all the dance-halls in the town. He pointed out that it had been carried out in Tipperary already.

Mr. T. K. O'Connell, Chairman, said that he saw a good deal of sense in the suggestion, and while normally as a Local Authority they would take great care to see that they were still held to take the fact that they had a responsibility to the community as a whole into consideration.

Until there is general agreement on the matter between all the dance-halls, said Mr. K. V. O'Connell, if we were to insist on closing down at midnight, it would be a good idea to throw away whatever revenue we are now getting from the hall. A lot of the dance-halls are now dancing, and if they had the Bishop's warning there will be a lot of them that will not turn up.

Mr. J. Kennedy thought that the Council should give justice to what the Bishop said. Certain hours were set for the Council would have to abide by these until they were changed by the Council.

The Town Clerk said that from the way the letters were going at the moment, it would affect the issue one way or another.

Mr. R. Walsh said that if the Council decided to close at midnight one of the dances they would lose was the Hunt Ball, which meant a good deal to the town.

Chairman: This is a serious question for us to discuss. It is on the night of our Estimates Meeting and I suggest that we put it on the agenda for the coming year. As far as I can gather the most popular dances in the hall at present are the D. O. L. but whether this would agree to switch the hours from 8 to 12 is another matter.

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### WATERFORD HOSPITAL CRUX

#### Board May Challenge Manager

An appeal was made to Mr. J. Moylhan County Manager, at last Monday's meeting of the Waterford Health Authority, to accede to the united request of the elected representatives of the people of Waterford County and City to hand back to the County and City Infirmary Authorities the Old Fever Hospital in Waterford.

Last Monday the Board passed a resolution recommending that the case be done but at last Monday's meeting, the Chairman, Aid W. Kennedy, T.D., said he understood they could not finalise the matter at that meeting either because the Manager had not dealt with it yet.

Mr. J. Griffin criticised the procedure of placing items on the agenda when they could not be dealt with and said that it was wrong to bring up a matter which was not ready to be dealt with. He said that they should urge the Manager to treat the matter as urgent as the County and City Infirmary were at the moment in a state of financial crisis and that the Board should be asked to transfer the case to the agenda.

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### BOXING

#### Munster Senior Championships At Dungarvan On Sunday

The long awaited Munster Senior Championships will be held on Sunday next at the Town Hall, Dungarvan. All arrangements are now completed for what should be a feast of boxing. The entries include many well known boxers in Munster including J. Lee of St. Francis, Limerick, E. Ryan, do. T. Sheehan, F. North, E. Bluet, J. Woods, Dungarvan, A. Roche and D. Jackson, Waterford; J. Kennedy of Kilmuckin and many others. There will also be some special contests.

At the time of writing, T. Sheehan will be boxing in the National Seniors in Dublin. He is boxing as a Light-weight and should do well in his weight as he has improved immensely in his last few bouts. He was a good boxer over T. Lyons of Terenure, Dublin, on Sunday night in Kilmuckin. E. Bluet was narrowly beaten by Eamon Ryan in the same weight. F. North was to have boxed but his opponent did not turn up.

The first championship, patronised by the County Council, will be at 2.30 p.m. sharp on Sunday. The first contest will be at 2.30 p.m. sharp. The first championship, patronised by the County Council, will be at 2.30 p.m. sharp on Sunday. The first contest will be at 2.30 p.m. sharp.

### COUNTY WATERFORD SCHOOL CHILDREN AT FEILE NA SCOIL

School children from all over the County made up some of the 8000 children who participated in the Feile Na Scoil at Dungarvan, Waterford, last week.

Writing in the "Irish Independent" the well-known music critic, Mary MacGourk, stated: "Schools from outside the city brought a good deal of excellent music. The organisers consider that one of the benefits of the Feile is the opportunity it gives children, especially those from remote districts, to become accustomed to public appearance."

"Certainly the children from the smaller country schools appeared suddenly at ease with a natural nervousness common to all but wholly free from awkwardness. They were, without exception, very tastefully dressed and whether in formal uniform or in special dresses, the attention given to such details as similarity of socks, neckties and handkerchiefs was very much to the pleasing effect of the groups."

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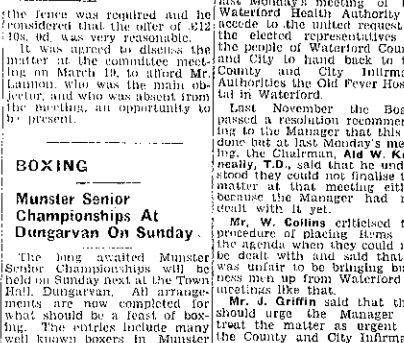
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### SPECIAL NOTICE

In reference to the wishes of His Lordship the Bishop, as expressed in his recent Lenten Pastoral, the Committee of the Cappoquin Rowing Club gives notice that all future dances, outside of existing contracts which terminate on May 14th, 1961, will end at 12 o'clock (Winter time) and 1 o'clock (Summer time).

Signed,  
FRANK WALSH, Hon. Sec.

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IN MEMORIAM

DUNNE—Fifth Anniversary... In loving memory of my dear mother Catherine Dunne... who died on March 2nd, 1956...

HAVENS—Fifth Anniversary... In loving memory of my dear mother Annie Havens... who died on March 2nd, 1956...

MONTAGNE—Fifth Anniversary... In loving memory of my dear mother Annie Montagne... who died on March 2nd, 1956...

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS... The family of the late... friends who sympathized with them in their recent bereavement...

HALLAHAN—The wife and daughter of the late James Hallahan... who died on March 2nd, 1956...

FENNESSEY—The wife and daughter of the late Daniel Fennessy... who died on March 2nd, 1956...

McGRATH—The family of the late... friends who sympathized with them in their recent bereavement...

ST. PATRICK'S NIGHT  
C.S.M. BALLROOM, CLONEA  
Bob Ormsby And His All-Star Showband

THE 1961 VICK LOVING SHOW... PLAYING ALL THIS WEEK AT THE FAMOUS ARCH TALLOW... THIS SHOW BROKE THE ATTENDANCE RECORD AT THE GAITY THEATRE (TIPPERARY)...

BALLYDUFF NOTES... Late Mr. Maurice Casey... with deepest sympathy that we record the death of Mr. Maurice Casey...

LAQUE UNVEILED... The memorial plaque to the late Councillor M. Byrne... which was unveiled on Thursday night...

CO-OPERATION CUTS COST IN WATER SUPPLIES... Many groups of people throughout the country have found that... a pump is installed at the well and pipes laid to each house...

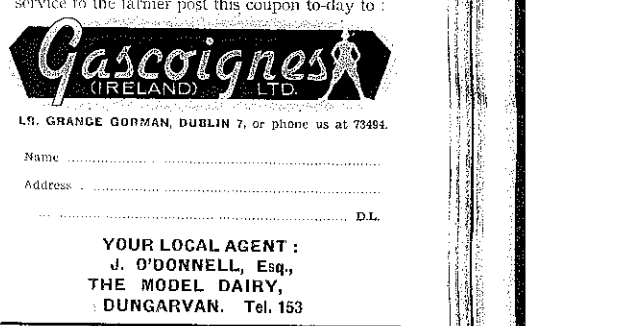
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OBITUARIES

Late Francis Daly, Abbeyside

The following Mass cards were received by the family and relatives of the late Mr. Francis Daly...

Late Teresa Power, Ardinnan and Knockaun, Dungarvan

The death occurred at the Richmond Hospital, Dublin, on Wednesday, February 15th...

Late Mr. Michael Cleary, Dungarvan

The death took place at St. Joseph's Hospital, Dungarvan, on Thursday, February 23rd...

Tallow and Round About Notes

Wedding - Hickey - Pritthead. The wedding took place at the Church of the Holy Trinity...

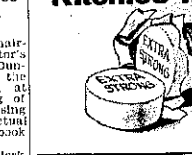
DUNGARVAN COUNCIL HAD £1,500 CREDIT BALANCE LAST YEAR

Mr. A. Kynn, T.D., Chairman, referring to the auditor's report of the accounts of Dungarvan Urban Council for the year ended March 31, 1960...

DUNGARVAN STOP SIGN IS IN WRONG PLACE - SAYS ENGINEER

Mr. R. Walsh told the other members of Dungarvan Urban Council at their meeting last Friday night that he had received a letter from the County Engineer...

ITCHIE'S MINTS



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F.C.A. NOTES

Field Day - Sunday, 5th March - The F.C.A. will use its Company on Youthful Range for the first time this year...

Late Mary Donnelly, Abbeyside

We regret to record the death of Miss Mary Donnelly, which took place at an advanced age...

Late Mr. G. Morrissey, Old Parish

Widespread regret has been caused by the death of Mr. G. Morrissey, who was a well-known figure in the community...

Late James Lyons, Brigid's Terrace, Dungarvan

Additional Mass cards and letters of sympathy were received from Mrs. Josephine Gogan, Birmingham...

Late James Hallahan, Laekendarra

Mass cards were received from Mrs. Josephine Gogan, Birmingham, and Mrs. M. O'Sullivan...

Late Mrs. B. O'Shaughnessy

Much regret has been occasioned by the death of Mrs. B. O'Shaughnessy, which occurred at St. Joseph's Hospital...

Late Patrick Clarke, Ring

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TRADITIONAL MUSICIANS HOLD SOCIAL

The Dungarvan Branch of the Traditional Musicians' Association held its first Annual Meeting...

IMOKILLY NEWS AND VIEWS

Maera - It is hoped to have another branch in the Imokilly region. On Friday evening...

DRAMA GROUP Praised at Limerick

Hilton Edwards who adjudicated at the Limerick Drama Festival last week, paid a high praise to Cumann Dramatocia...

Ring Drama Group Praised at Limerick

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Radio Officer on Holiday

Radio Officer, Richard O'Connor, will be on holiday during the week commencing Saturday...

Things We Heard

A rose by any other name will smell as sweet, but Ber - does not think so...

Spring Work

Fine weather has helped Spring work to get off to a good start. Ploughing is well underway...

MUSIC SESSIONS

Dungarvan Branch of Cumann Dramatocia will hold music sessions each Friday evening...

For Your Fi... There's no b... the "Leader"...

ST. I... Bob... DANCING...

BEHIND... SP... SHELTER WALL DI...

The wall bounding... The field in Abb... disappeared...

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